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Applications from Iranian students hungry to study at Canadian universities has increased dramatically in the past several months.

Johnston:

McGill will decrease to 16,000

by Kimberley Stephenson

McGill principal David Johnston faced questions about the number of francophone and foreign students at McGill during a CBC radio phone-in program Monday.

One caller asked Johnston about a "backlash" against French-Canadian medical students at McGill. According to the caller, when came time to apply for internship, those French students who went to McGill and applied to French hospitals were placed at the "bottom of the list, even below English graduates."

Johnston replied that as far as he was aware this was not the case.

"That would be surprising. There are an increasing number of French students entering the Faculty of Medicine. McGill medicine is held in high regard," he said.

The next caller who said he was a '78 medical school graduate, stated that he was also not aware of any problem.

"To my knowledge there is no problem. Ten to 15 per cent of my class were francophone, and none of them had any problems," he said. When questioned by host Pat McDougall whether McGill would prosper or decline, the caller stated that he felt McGill

would prosper, and probably become a bilingual institution, like the University of Ottawa.

Another caller expressed anxiety about foreign students on campus. He said these students were being supported by his tax dollars, and referred to a recent W5 program which stated foreign students were taking away places from Canadian students.

Johnston replied that tuition fees for foreign students are twice what they are for Canadian students and that there are more Canadian students being educated in other countries than there are students from other countries being educated in Canada. Johnston said he was disappointed that the United Kingdom has recently decided to increase tuition fees for foreign students.

The caller replied that he was worried because tuition fees here were lower than in the United States or elsewhere, and said that many students "are just here for education purposes, and then go back to where they came from."

Johnston anticipates that in the future the McGill student

population will decrease from 19,000 to 16,000, and that both academic and non-academic staff will also decrease, through attrition. He said that at present 80 per cent of McGill students were from Quebec, and 21 per cent of these were French-Canadian. Of the remaining 20 per cent, five per cent are from the United States, seven to eight per cent are from other Canadian provinces and the rest are from other countries.



McGill Principal David Johnston

Applications from Iranians increase

MONTREAL (CUP)—Increasing numbers of Iranian students are inquiring about studies at Canadian universities.

Bishop's University has received some 50 requests from Iranian students in the last month and a half which Gilles Marcotte, Bishop's registrar, says is an unusually high number of inquiries.

Requests have been split about 50-50 between students in Iran and those who are now studying in the United States.

The University of Alberta has had 388 inquiries from Iranians so far this year, as compared with about 40 in previous years, and more than 100 Iranian students in the U.S. have inquired about studying at the University of British Columbia.

At McGill University, director of admissions Peggy Sheppard, reports that there have not been as many applications as at the University of Alberta, but they have had inquiries.

"It looks like it might be an increase," she said.

Sheppard said she thought most of the applications and inquiries had come directly

from Iran.

Admission of the Iranian students is highly unlikely at the present time because of quotas, language tests and a no-switching policy at U.B.C.

"The students are mainly interested in professional fields and graduate work," said Doug Burns, assistant registrar at the University of Alberta. "Because most of these fields have quotas, their chances of being selected are remote."

Explaining that U.B.C. has a policy of not accepting foreign students from other universities, registrar Ken Young said: "U.B.C. is not interested in undercutting or stealing those students."

Several irate people have phoned the U.B.C. registrar asking that no rules be bent to allow in more Iranian students and an anti-Iran backlash is already occurring at Columbia college where a number of Iranian students are presently enrolled. In addition, there have been several instances where people have offered accommodation to students and specified they would not accept Iranians.

UQAM occupation: An eight hour day

MONTREAL (CUP) — Students occupying an administrative office at l'Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM) may soon extend their occupation to other buildings, says Jean-Marie Vézina, secretary of the students' association.

The Association Générale des Etudiants à UQAM (AGEUQAM) began its occupation January 8 in an effort to gain recognition from the administration as the official student association on campus. It wants the right to collect fees as well as complete financial autonomy.

The group of approximately 30 students enter the office each morning and leave at about 5:00 p.m.

Vézina says the group is circulating a document in the 45 departmental associations asking them to pressure the administration.

At an assembly January 10 leaders of departmental associations were asked to discuss the proposal with the members of their associations.

"If all the discipline associations approve the position paper and then the general assembly approves it, the administration can't throw in their old argument that AGEUQAM doesn't have the approval of the students," said Vézina.

The administration has long maintained that the general association does not have the support of the students.

At the January 10 meeting certain students questioned the legality of breaking into the office each morning. The association said it would try to get a key from the department responsible for that office.

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Nomination papers should include the name, address and phone number of the nominee as well as pertinent background information about the individual in regard to his activity at McGill. Nomination forms are available at the Student Union, Information Desk, 3480 McTavish Street.

Signed: Neil Wiener,
Glenda Itiaba,
Chairmen, Coordinating Committee

The DEADLINE for submission of nominations is Wednesday, February 13, 1980.

MCGILL SCARLET KEY AWARD

Students easy prey for cults : Merritt

by Heather Tisdale

People who join cults are not all "flakey" as is often supposed, Boston University professor Jean Merritt told a McGill audience Monday night. "A majority of them are university students of average or high intelligence and with independent natures," said Merritt, president of an organ-

ization called Return to Personal Choice, which believes that such cults as the Unification Church, Hare Krishna and the Children of God are dangerous to those involved in them.

"I believe such groups go around in a systematic approach to destroy the ego of a human being. This is a violation of civil rights," said Merritt.

"The popular belief is that people who join such cults are flakey. But a majority of them are university students with average or high intelligence and independent natures. The question is, how can they end up doing the things they do if they join a cult?"

Merritt explained that almost anyone is susceptible to recruitment when in a depressed state, but that adolescents and young adults are particularly vulnerable because of the pressure of growing up.

She described the recruiting techniques used by the Unification Church (also known as "Moonies"). Recruiters use a technique called "love bombing" to make the subject feel as good as possible.

During a conversation, the recruiter tries to find out what the subject is concerned about, and offers sympathy. The next step in the process is an invitation to dinner, at which the subject is inundated

with admiration.

"This group will make you feel that every word you say, even a belch, is beautiful," said Merritt. As soon as the subject returns to campus, he or she will receive phone calls and letters inquiring about the subject's emotional state.

A potential recruit is sent away for a weekend to a retreat where he experiences sleep deprivation, inadequate food and continual questioning.

"This experience is ambivalent for the subject. On the one hand he is being flattered, and on the other, he feels that he is making a fool of himself. But peer pressure gains ascendancy," said Merritt.

Recruiters begin probing subjects for their guilts, and use this knowledge as a weapon to further entangle the recruit. If a recruit wishes to leave, the recruiters play on the subject's emotional weaknesses.

It is extremely difficult to leave a cult such as the Unification Church because it eventually takes all of the individual's material possessions. And persons leaving cults often experience permanent damage from mental and physical stress.

"The American Civil Liberties Union acts as a legal counsel for cults such as the Unification Church," said Merritt. "The ACLU has taken the stand that people who counsel ex-cultists are violating the civil right of freedom of religion. Yet the violation of the individual's personal rights is ignored."

When asked about the university's role in preventing recruitment by cults, Merritt emphasized the importance of education through debates, lectures, and class discussions.

"The destructive cults are getting more sophisticated. Kids coming out of them now seem to be a lot more damaged. Yet people are reluctant to fund research on this subject because you're dealing with religion."

Tongue-waggers place in national tournament

McGill debaters placed second and sixth in the overall speakers category at the National debating championships held in Edmonton last week.

Veteran debater Marcel Mongeon took the second place honors and John Rankin won the sixth place position.

More than 34 teams from 18 Canadian schools took part in the tournament which was won by a University of Ottawa team.

McGill sent two teams to the competition.

RAEU seeks higher profile

by Denis Gascon

The newly Independent Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires (RAEU) will seek a higher profile on Quebec university campuses this semester.

"We want to have relations with student papers and associations to establish ourselves as a national organization," RAEU co-

ordinator Daniel Desormeaux told the Daily. McGill is a member of RAEU.

RAEU will also contact teachers' associations such as the Conseil des Enseignants du Québec (CEQ).

RAEU plans to make a statement on the recently released report of the provincial government's Commission d'Etudes des Universitaires in February. The report, of which two more volumes are to be released this month, deals with student life and government priorities in Quebec education.

Currently, RAEU is officially supporting the UQAM students' association in its fight for financial autonomy and office space for the student government.

"We oppose the administration's refusal to recognize Laval and UQAM students' associations as representatives of their students. This prevents the associations from getting the money they need to work effectively," says Desormeaux.

RAEU has decided to remain

neutral in the Sovereignty-Association referendum campaign.

Says Desormeaux: "students are already organizing around Mé-Oui and 'no' committees", so there is no need for RAEU to take a stand.

This spring RAEU will co-sponsor a survey on socioeconomic conditions of university students to be made by Laval sociology students. The study, which will be based upon interviews with some 3,000 students, will be published next August.

Life-saving course offered

McGill students will be able to receive on-campus training in Resuscare, the life-saving skills of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation this term.

Two different courses will be offered by Resuscare in cooperation with the McGill Program Board and Health Services — a 15-hour course

in "Basic Life Support" and a four-hour "Heart Saver" course.

In addition Resuscare will sponsor a film and demonstration in Union room 107 Monday from 11:00 to 2:00.

For further information on any of these events visit Sadie's in the Union lobby.

Today

Carnival Variety Show:

Get your act in today for the variety show (Feb. 8). Contact: Alanna, 288-1747 or Chantal, 786-2122.

Radio McGill:

Anybody interested in working in any aspect of radio such as news, DJ production, etc., can do so at Radio McGill. Today is the last day to apply. Come on down to Union room B-11.

NDP McGill:

General meeting at 4:30 in the Union room 302. Please make every effort to attend. Those not present will be deemed absent.

Hispanic Student Society:

A meeting will take place at 3:15, Bronfman room 695, for those interested in taking part in Spanish plays on campus. Members and non-members invited to attend. For further info, call Gilles at 739-1382.

McGill Ski Team:

Meeting today at 5:15 p.m. in room G20 of the Currie Gym. Find out about Race situation and sign up for next race. If you can't make it, see notice board outside of Ski Team office in the Union.

McGill Friends of Monsey, N.Y.:

Photo display of "Monsey, Past and Present", Jan. 14-18, Union room 452.

Camera Club:

Instructional courses in Darkroom and Camera Technique at both beginner and advanced levels start next week. Non-members are welcome to attend provided that they pay \$1.50 per class.

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The Insiders

I DON'T BOWL
AND I DON'T ROW
BUT I SURE AS HELL KNOW
THAT THERE AIN'T NO SNOW!



I DON'T SKATE
AND I WON'T EBB FAKK,
BUT I SURE CAN WAIT
FOR THAT SNOW TO BE LATE!



I COULDN'T WAIT TO DO THAT...

...HEY! I THINK I SEE A FAKK!



McGill and the corporate community

by Peter Orr

Peter Laing was an active member-at-large on the McGill Board of Governors from 1960 until he became governor emeritus last week. For much of his term on the Board he was the official university solicitor and he also served as director of the committee on student discipline during the turbulent sixties. In addition, Laing acted as counsel for the university in the controversial firing of McGill political science professor Stanley Grey.

Peter C. Newman's *The Canadian Establishment* classifies Laing among the wealthiest men in Canada, "the centi-millionaires." Newman estimates the McConnell estate which Laing directs at \$600 million. Laing is married to Kitty McConnell, heir to the McConnell fortune.

The following is an edited version of an interview the *Daily* conducted with Peter Laing this week.

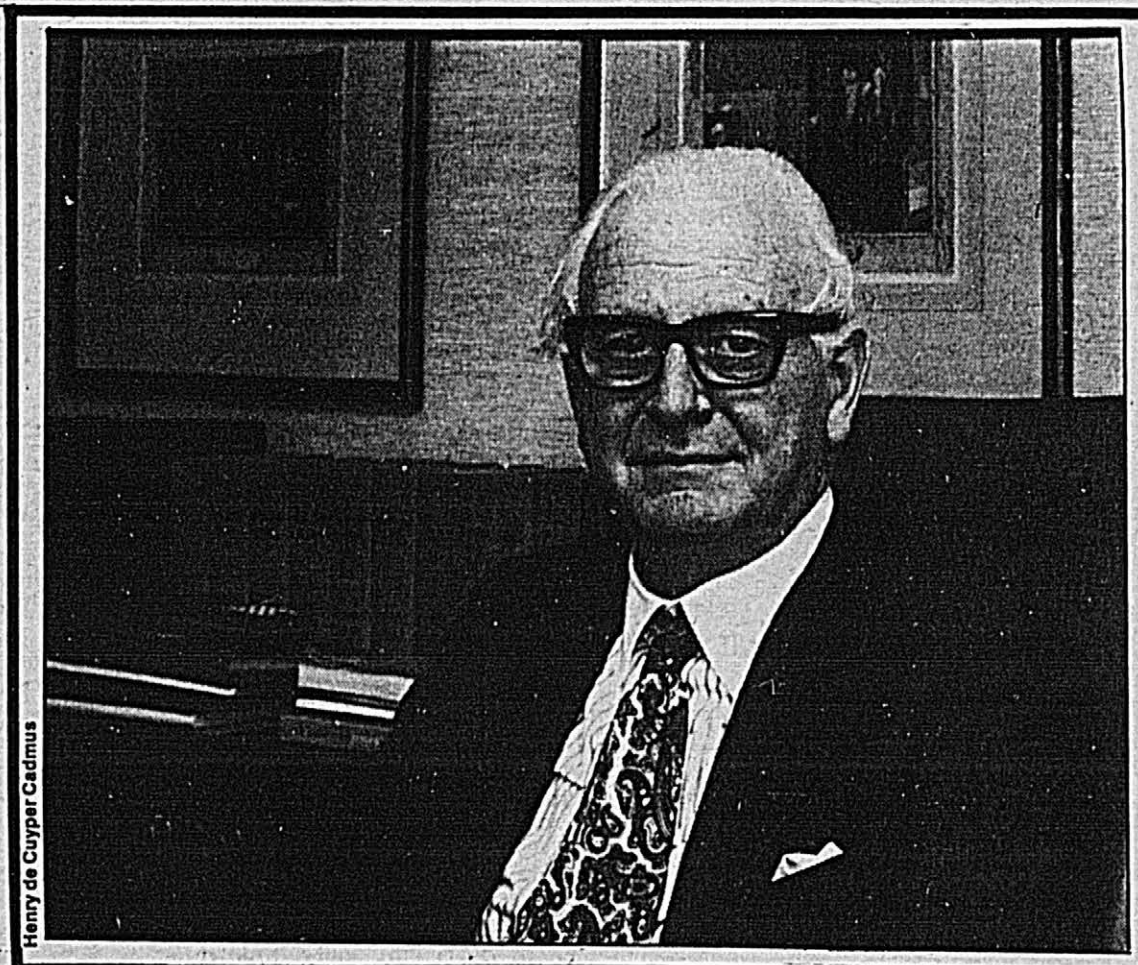
Daily: Why did you join the Board of Governors?

Laing: Well, what happened was that my father-in-law, John Wilson McConnell, was a very prominent member of the Board for many years and a great supporter of the university...you've seen the McConnell Engineering Building and all that. In the late fifties he retired and the university thought it would be nice if there was some representation of his interests on the Board in order to provide some continuing connection between the McConnell interests and the university, and it was suggested that his son John G. McConnell take the position, but John G. McConnell at that time was publisher of the *Montreal Star* and he felt that to accept a position on the Board of Governors at McGill might inhibit the newspaper's reporting in so far as it concerned the university, because the newspaper might be reluctant to adopt a critical attitude. So, he declined and I, his brother-in-law, went on in his place instead.

My predecessor was at pains to explain to me that I wasn't put on on the grounds of merit in any way.

Daily: What do you see as having been your role on the board?

Laing: At the same time I was on the Board I was the university solicitor, so that I was really quite mixed in with the day to day goings on of the university. University contracts have to come across my



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Peter Laing, member of one of Canada's most powerful corporate families, played a central role in McGill's history over the past two decades.

desk and if there's trouble on campus that involves any legal considerations it comes to my attention. If the (Student Union wants a liquor licence we have to do something about it.

I haven't seen any tendency at present to demote the Board or to take its powers away, and it is I think a very strong body.

But those interests are somewhat collateral to my interests on the Board. On the Board I have been a representative of the Board on the Senate for several years. I have been on nominating committees, the building committee, and also on the committee for examining the university government. I've been on committees for updating the statutes, the Committee to establish a Code of Student Disciplinary Procedures...I was chairman of that...I wasn't representing any interest: I was just an ordinary governor. I call myself a governor-at-large as I

wasn't representing any particular group. There are governors who represent the Graduate Society, the governors of the Senate and the academic staff, governors representing the students and governors who represent the non-academic staff.

Of course when I went on in 1960 there were only governors-at-large, of which 25 were elected and the 26th was ex-officio, being the principal. Now the composition of the Board has changed so as to reflect the different elements in the university community.

Daily: How do you account for that change?

... businessmen ... paid the piper and presumably they called the tune.

Laing: I suppose that prior to 1960 the University was financed by the private sector and when I joined the Board, the Board was comprised almost entirely of businessmen. I myself was the only lawyer, the rest were all businessmen.

The reason for the presence of businessmen was that they were the people who paid the

piper, and presumably they called the tune...There was no financing from the provincial government in the regular course.

On the death of Maurice Duplessis...the provincial government started to enter into the field and make regular grants of capital and operating grants. There really wasn't any (longer) a reason for having a board that was totally representative of the business community. Both the academic group in the University, and the students wanted to be represented, and a very good thing too...Now of course we have five members from Senate and three members from the student body and we have non-academic staff...

Daily: How has the role of the Board of Governors changed vis-a-vis the University itself?

Laing: In my appreciation it's gotten more active than it was...In the days when Sir Edward Beatty was Chancellor the meetings of the Board were held in Windsor station at his call. [Beatty was then chairman of the board of the CPR, ed.] It was pretty far removed from the campus. Now the Board meets at least once a month on campus. The executive of the Board also meets once a month, and the various committees meet

regularly. So it's a much more workman-like body. It's much closer to the University.

Daily: How do you see the role of the Board, as opposed to other institutions in the University, in the decision-making process?

Laing: I haven't seen any tendency at present to demote the Board or take its power away, and it is, I think, a very strong body.

One has to remember that when we had the troubles in 1969 and 1970, when there was all that unrest on campus attendant on the activities of Mr. Stanley Grey and his companies, the activities of Senate were more or less paralyzed, and about the only deliberate body that was operating effectively was the Board of Governors.

Daily: Looking back on that period, how do you assess the role of the Board in (the crises of 1969-70)?

... one of the functions of the Board is to raise money ... so there are always going to be money men on the Board.

Laing: Well, it was there, and being the Board, it was in a position to take whatever steps were necessary. In point of fact we survived the crisis...

It was a situation that developed throughout the West; it wasn't particular to McGill. All the campuses in the United States had been in turmoil. You'll recall *pendant les jours de mal* in Paris...trouble in Germany, trouble all over...

Daily: Could it not be asserted that in the period 1969 to 1973 there was considerable interference with academic freedom in the firing of Stanley Grey, Marlene Dixon and Pauline Vaillancourt?

Laing: As I understand academic freedom, it means the freedom...of an academic to put across his own ideas and not be compelled to put across other people's ideas. But I don't think academic freedom is the freedom to mess the University, to break up meetings of the Board of Governors and generally behave in an unruly manner. It's not license to do what you want; it's license to entertain

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your own seriously held ideas. It's not to do whatever you want, not to break your contract with the University.

Dally: Could you categorize the functions of the Board of Governors?

Laing: Well, of course, the Board of Governors and the trustees of the Royal Institute for the Advancement of Learning are one and the same thing. It is the senior body in the university and above all it is responsible for the university property, and it is the only authority under which contracts can be made... and the university affairs carried on in so far as they relate particularly to relations with persons and bodies outside.

Dally: There's controversy on campus now about university investment in companies with holdings in South Africa. What do you think about that?

Laing: ...I think it's deplorable if the administration of the University is going to be politicized to such an extent that any particular political group is always going to be putting the pressure on it with regard to investments.

I don't suppose there is anything going on in the world, anywhere, which someone on the campus at McGill doesn't like. I suppose that we might have some Iranian students on campus who might object to investments in any American company. Well if you're going to allow things to get to that

extreme, it's going to be impossible to have any investment policy at all.

So, therefore, while one can understand feelings of outrage with regard to investments in certain unpopular countries, I don't think one should politicize the university to that extent.

Dally: What are the guidelines for university investment policy?

Laing: I would think that like any other investment policy, we want to maximize our revenues.

Dally: Given that university funding now comes mostly from the provincial government... what is the role of business people on the Board?

Laing: Well the role of business... to provide the necessary advice with regard to investments. It is the only direct link between the University and the University's constituency. When we want to know what the public thinks about some action that the University is proposing to take, one of the first things would be to go to the Board and see what their views are. They're supposed to represent the community.

We have just concluded a very successful capital campaign which overshot the target by some \$2 million. I don't think that campaign could have been effectively conducted without the assis-

tance of the Board members and without their influence. So there is still a great reliance of the universities on the private sector, and the Board is the instrument which we look to in order to get input both intellectually and financially.

Dally: Is there no conflict of interest in someone sitting on the Board of Governors of McGill and say sitting on the Board of a bank?

Laing: One would hope that if there was a conflict they would immediately announce it and withdraw. It has occurred to me that I've had to, from time to time, announce my interest...

Dally: It looks like there is a set proportion of business people which are kept on the Board, which I would estimate at 10 or 12 out of the 40 members.

Laing: I don't believe that to be true...

Dally: The reason I suggest that, is that the people who have replaced yourself and Senator Goldberg include Stanley Birk and Arnold Steinberg.

Laing: I don't recall ever seeing any stated quota of businessmen on the Board. But one wants to get businessmen involved because they have the means of raising money, which you wouldn't if you were to... stack the Board with academics. I don't see any purpose in stacking the Board with academics,

because what you want with the Board is some window on the world, not just a sort of enclave of academics...

Dally: Does it not influence the direction of research that the funding for research comes from the business community?

Laing: No, because funding for research comes directly from the grantor... Increasingly, the people who are actually doing the research go out and get their own grant.

But I don't ever recall the Board of Governors of McGill making an appropriation for research.

Dally: You don't think there is any disproportionate representation, at least in the Board of Governors, of the views of the business community in comparison with other sectors of the community?

Laing: I think that it indubitably was the case in the early sixties when I first went on the Board, and steps have been taken as I told you to widen the spectrum. Whether that should be continued or enlarged upon, I really do not know.

One is ineluctably brought back to the consideration that one of the functions of the Board is to raise money from the public, so there are always going to be money men on the Board...

I like the present set-up where there are representatives from labour and all types of conditions.

Today

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Amnesty International: Amnesty International's first meeting of the semester will be held at 5 p.m. in Union room 425. Benefit concert, library display, and other upcoming events will be discussed. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Undergraduate Library Workshops: Card Catalogues—The Subject Approach. From 1 to 2 p.m., beginning at the Undergraduate Library's Information Desk. Call 392-4288 to sign up.

McGill Outing Club: Open meeting at 7:30 p.m., Union B-01. Baffin Island Ski Tour Slide Show, Info on First Aid Course and Cross-Country Skiing Instructional Weekend.

Jean-Luc Pepin: Will speak on "Reflections on the Referendum." F.D.A. Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Today. Sponsored by PSSA and MRC.

Please check notice board outside Darkroom for the sign-up times.

Fraternalities: Interested in finding out more about fraternities? Drop by Lambda Chi Alpha's "Open House" tonight at 7:30 at our house at 3505 Peel, just below Dr. Penfield. Bring yourself and your questions—we promise you a warm welcome!

McGill Film Society: Important meeting tonight at 6 in Union room 434. Positions open to old and new members.

McGill Creative Journal: Meeting at 4 for all those interested in doing functional work on the McGill Creative Journal. ELA office, Arts B20.

Winter Carnival: Winter Carnival Committee—Important meeting at 5 p.m. in room 203 of the Powell Student Services Bldg., 3637 Peel St. Everyone please attend.

Omission

In the story of the Students' Society survey that appeared in the *Daily* last week it was reported that a coupon good for a free beer and pizza was included in the questionnaire package. We failed to mention however, that respondents unable to stomach Gertrude's pizza could redeem it for a \$1 donation to UNICEF.

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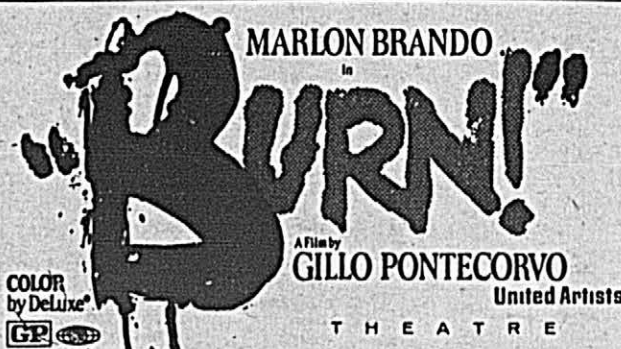
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Letters

Wrong Dean for McGill?

To the Daily:

The integrity of McGill's guest speaker program was recently dealt a serious blow when certain campus associations chose to financially censor a potentially interesting address at this university for no reason other than its so-called "moral" implications.

For many years various student organizations, including the Debating Union, have acted either cooperatively or independently in order to assemble an annual program of guest speakers at this university. The justification for these efforts has usually been to both enrich and broaden student university life by providing a forum for informed, stimulating, controversial, and important public figures at a university well reputed as a center for the free exchange of new ideas and experiences.

So far this academic year there have been very few outstanding speakers with the capacity to attract hundreds of students into a lecture hall. For a university as large, as established, and as well known as McGill to tolerate this poor showing, especially in light of the substantial honorarium funds available here, is regrettable. Last semester consumer lawyer Ralph Nader appeared at Carleton while McGill's student groups were somehow unable to muster a comparable guest lecturer.

In October the McGill Debating Union decided to invite John Dean, counsel to former President Richard Nixon and author of *Blind Ambition*, to the university. Mr. Dean was thought to combine the historical significance and controversy which would capture the interest of a maximum number of McGill students. Dean was at the heart of America's greatest political scandal - an event which led to the unprecedented downfall of a U.S. president with all the far-reaching consequences of one of the top news stories of the 1970s.

We believed strongly then and continue to believe that Mr. Dean would give us a candid view of the Nixon White House and of how young professionals can become caught between authority, ambition, and personal principles; a lesson in history as well as in life which few others could share with us. Needless to say Mr. Dean would have some valuable comments to make on personal conduct and ethics and the presence of such an historical figure would result in beneficial publicity for the university. The fact that Mr. Dean served a prison sentence for his involvement in the Watergate Affair did not enter into our consideration. Nor should it have.

However, when we approached certain student groups regarding co-sponsorship of this project we were met with the response that for "moral" or "ethical" reasons they could not and would not aid in the financial support of the event because

Mr. Dean is an ex-convict. Most of the groups *did* have funds available for guest speakers but, for some unexplained reason, no substantial program had up to then been mounted with the funds earmarked for honoraria. The Arts and Science Undergraduate Society, the Management Undergraduate Society, and the Women's Union, among others, refused to participate financially in the speech for alleged moral reasons and *not* for lack of finances or interest.

The McGill Debating Union is deeply concerned that an open-minded intellectual center such as a university, which traditionally honours free speech and does not pre-judge or discriminate for over-riding "moral" reasons, should be the scene of this sort of moralizing which serves only to muffle discussion. If one is to learn from another's mistakes or attain a close-up view of historical drama it is sometimes necessary to involve some who have run contrary to accepted morals and/or laws. If the Ayatollah Khomeini had accepted an invitation would these groups have denied McGill the chance to hear his important and newsworthy case on moral grounds?

What is unacceptable is sanctimonious and paternalistic preaching which blocks and denies us the right to know another's interpretation of events and follow up with our own questions. It was this sort of distasteful and disturbing attitude which came into play briefly against Dr. Henry Kissinger teaching at Columbia and against former Premier Robert Bourassa teaching at l'Université Laval.

Mr. Dean's speech will proceed as planned on Thursday evening. The Debating Union, Education Undergraduate Society, and Program Board are determined to see that a valuable and unique opportunity to understand the absolute corruption of power up close is not denied us. We only wish to underline to you and your readers the dangerous

precedent which has been set by the ASUS, MUS, and Women's Union. Up until this year most student groups have not balked at sponsoring speakers who have been convicted of crimes because their ideas and perspective were considered more valuable than past personal behavior by itself. One can only hope that the new precedent is soon reversed.

Peter MacArthur
Speakers Chairman-Interim
and the rest of the
McGill Debating Union
Executive

Crime really pays

To the Daily:

Anyone with the slightest insight into the Watergate era will know that John W. Dean III is not a controversial character in that drama but was actually an important factor into bringing that nightmare to a close.

True enough, Dean was the center of the White House cover-up from late summer 1972 but within less than a year he was acting (with no incentive of immunity) to reverse the surging momentum of the Watergate tragedy. His payment was a maximum sentence which he may or may not have deserved.

We'd all like to think that Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein were responsible for solving the "case of the century" and indeed we are indebted to them for initiating public interest. But it was Dean who led the focus inside the White House. It was from this source that we learned of Liddy's espionage plans, the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, that Richard Nixon was aware of the cover-up as early as September 1972, and that Nixon suggested and authorized the raising of one million dollars for hush money. Dean also mentioned to the Senate Committee his belief that the Oval Office was being taped.

During the Nixon administration a number of

crooks inhabited the White House and men such as Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Colson, and Nixon are growing just as rich on royalties as Dean is. It is unfortunate that we add his name to our lists of attacks and boycotts just because the burden of Watergate was put on his shoulders from the beginning and he was commanded to take the fall in the spring of 1973. He is instead an asset to the American political scene of the mid '70s, without his unrewarded testimony the secrets of Watergate would have endured long after August 9, 1974.

Rick Fitzpatrick
U1 Arts

ASUS stands down

To the Daily:

re: Dean tells all for \$2,000.

Regarding your article of January 10th, I feel there is some clarification due. There was no stand taken by the ASUS executive regarding the matter of the John Dean engagement. Rather, it was the ASUS Speakers Committee (made up of several members of the ASUS executive and several interested students) that may have taken the stand that you have reported.

Furthermore, you may wish to note that the McGill Program Board is a sponsor of the upcoming event. If you had looked into the membership list of the Program Board you would have found that the ASUS is a member of the group.

In neither case has there been a direct comment from the ASUS on this matter, nor has it been brought to the council's attention.

Daryl Fridhandler
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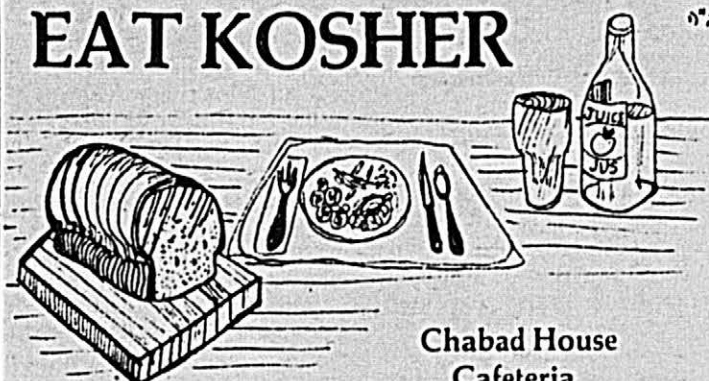
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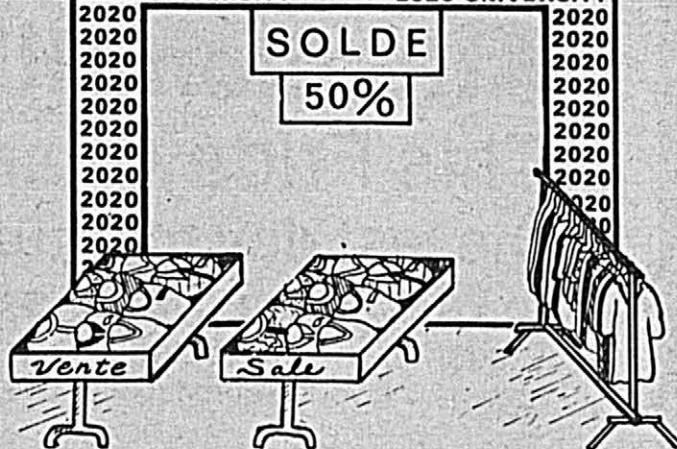


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